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Mr. Drew Griffin Manager, City of Florence 324 West Evans Street Florence, South Carolina 29501-3456

Re: Gravity Sewer Mains Preventative Maintenance Program Town of Timmonsville and City of Florence Consent Decree Civil Action No. 4:13-cv-01522-RBH

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) have reviewed the Gravity Sewer Mains Preventative Maintenance Program (GSM-PMP) resubmitted by the City of Florence (the City) on September 14, 2016. This program was resubmitted pursuant to Paragraphs 58(c) and 45 of the referenced Consent Decree (CD) and the July 28, 2016, letter from the EPA and SC DHEC disapproving the first resubmittal made on June 14, 2016, with comments.

The City raised a concern with the comments in a letter dated August 17, 2016. The EPA and SC DHEC discussed the concern in a conference call arranged with the City on October 19. The EPA and SC DHEC are in agreement that comment 1.a. can be rescinded, and have based their review of the resubmittal on the City's redress of the remaining comments.

The EPA, after consultation with SC DHEC, is today approving the September 14, 2016, GSM-PMP resubmittal pursuant to Subparagraph 44 of the CD. If you have any questions, then please contact Mr. David Phillips at (404) 562-9773 or via email at phillips.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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